

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A control apparatus having ~~a first command means to control at an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to control at an initial speed a second parameter, said control apparatus comprising:~~

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first command means to control a first parameter;
second command means to control a second parameter; and
processing means for receiving command signals from said first and second command means and for outputting a control signal to control said first and second parameters at an initial speed when one of said first and second command means is activated intermittently;

means for increasing at a predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously;

~~means for storing a table listing combinations of similarities;~~

means for judging similarity of alternate actions made by when one of said first and second command means based on said table listing combinations of similarities is activated following another of said first and second command means; and

means for continuing said predetermined speed of increase

when ~~one of said first and second command means is deactivated~~
~~while one of said first and second command means is activated and~~
said similarity is found ~~by said means for judging similarity~~ and
for returning to said initial speed when said similarity is not
found.

Claims 2-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). A control method using a first
command means to control ~~at an initial speed~~ a first parameter
and a second command means to control ~~at an initial speed~~ a
second parameter, said control method comprising the steps of:

receiving command signals from said first and second command
means and outputting a control signal to control said first and
second parameters at an initial speed when one of said first and
second command means is activated intermittently;

increasing at a predetermined speed one of said first and
second parameters when one of said first and second command means
is activated continuously;

~~storing a table listing combinations of similarities;~~

judging similarity ~~of alternate actions made by~~ when one of
said first and second command means ~~based on said table listing~~
~~combinations of similarities~~ is activated following another of
said first and second command means; and

continuing said predetermined speed of increase when ~~one of~~

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said ~~first and second command means is deactivated while one of~~
~~said first and second command means is activated~~ and said
similarity is found by said step of judging similarity and for
returning to said initial speed when said similarity is not
found.

Claims 10-16 (Canceled).
